

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### MR. PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1707, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

1       Page 1, line 1, delete "IC 20-1-1.4-2 IS AMENDED" and insert  
2       "IC 20-1-1.1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW  
3       SECTION".

4       Page 1, line 2, delete "Sec. 2. (a) As used in this" and insert "Sec.  
5       **11. (a) As used in this section, and for purposes of compliance with**  
6       **Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2002 (20**  
7       **U.S.C. 6319 et seq.), "paraprofessional" means an employee of a**  
8       **school corporation who provides instructional support in a**  
9       **program supported with Title I, Part A funds.**

10       (b) The department shall identify and disseminate to school  
11       corporations the criteria for meeting paraprofessional  
12       requirements under 20 U.S.C. 6319 et seq., including the following  
13       requirements:

14       (1) A paraprofessional must have a high school diploma or its  
15       equivalent.

16       (2) A paraprofessional must meet the conditions of  
17       employment determined by the school corporation.

18       (3) This subdivision applies to a paraprofessional who was  
19       hired after January 8, 2002. In addition to the requirements  
20       set forth in subdivisions (1) through (2), at the time the  
21       paraprofessional is hired, the paraprofessional must have:

- 1 (A) completed at least two (2) years of study at an
- 2 institution of higher education;
- 3 (B) obtained at least an associate's degree; or
- 4 (C) met a rigorous standard of quality and demonstrated
- 5 knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing in the
- 6 academic areas of reading, writing, and mathematics
- 7 through a formal academic assessment determined by the
- 8 department in consultation with the professional standards
- 9 board.

10 (4) This subdivision applies to a paraprofessional who was  
 11 hired before January 9, 2002. The paraprofessional must meet  
 12 the requirements of subdivision (3) before January 9, 2006.

13 (c) A school corporation:

- 14 (1) shall use federal funds to support ongoing training and
- 15 professional development to meet the requirements of this
- 16 section; and
- 17 (2) may use federal funds for the payment of fees for the
- 18 assessments required under this section.

19 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) Because the general  
 20 assembly has determined that:

- 21 (1) the provisions of P.L.221-1999 are a comprehensive and
- 22 thorough education reform plan that set high academic
- 23 standards in a manner uniquely tailored for Indiana; and
- 24 (2) certain provisions of the federal Elementary and
- 25 Secondary Education Act of 2002 may overlap with
- 26 P.L.221-1999 in a manner that causes an unnecessary amount
- 27 of bureaucracy and administrative confusion;

28 if the United States Department of Education authorizes states to  
 29 seek waivers from provisions of the federal Elementary and  
 30 Secondary Education Act of 2002, the Indiana department of  
 31 education may, after consulting with the state board of education  
 32 and the education roundtable, seek waivers for those provisions of  
 33 the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2002 that  
 34 conflict with P.L.221-1999.

- 1       **(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2008."**
- 2       Page 1, delete lines 3 through 10.  
      (Reference is to HB 1707 as printed February 28, 2003.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3.

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**Chairperson**